

Meeting Minutes - Local Control Advisory Board Meeting - Tuesday, 11/30/21

Members in Attendance:

Michael Huber (filling in for Mayor Scott), Andy Smullian, Ashiah Parker, Robert Cherry, Caylin Young, Senator Cory McCray, Dana Moore, Nikki Thompson, Mark Washington, Shantay Jackson, Jim Shea, Ray Kelly, Lydia Walther Rodriguez, Tre Murphy, Delegate Stephanie Smith, Tyler Salley, Tyler Adamson, Council President Nick Mosby

Members Absent:

Mayor Scott, Lisa Robinson

Meeting Started: 5:36PM

I. Welcome and Introductions

- Dana Moore provided opening remarks.
- Main agenda item: Reviewing report, which is due by law on 12/01/21.
- Vice Chair Ashiah Parker provided words of welcome.

II. Review of Draft Interim Report

- Chair Moore - Want to tell the story of this work and use it as a teaching tool.
- Vice Chair Parker - We want feedback.
- Ray Kelly - Will we be discussing models of BPD or local control?
 - Chair Moore - Yes, we will discuss. Not in this report, but it will be something this group takes up.
- Caylin Young - This achieves what the legislation requires. Good start.
- Robert Cherry - Sent some recommendations via email from FOP.
- Tyler Salley - Are there methods we have or can employ to make reports like this one more accessible to the public? For example, a summary.
- Ashiah Parker - Could have a website with meeting minutes and information that makes things accessible to the public.
 - Natasha Mehu - We do have a website. [Link here.](#)
- Ashiah Parker - Could we have a Facebook or Instagram to draw people to our page and when we're meeting?

- Natasha Mehu - We don't currently have it, but can create one.
- Tyler Salley - Add this information to the report.
- Lydia Walther-Rodriguez - Appreciate the inclusion of the 2022 ballot in the report. We should include an additional deadline so we can let the public know how we're going to ensure this gets on the ballot in time.
- Robert Cherry - One of FOP's concerns is that if we rush to push for a referendum in 2022, that means we have to work harder to get it right. There are cities that failed to get it right the first time that ended up going back to state control.
- Nick Mosby - Mayor wanted us to march toward the August 2022 date. Do not think this board will develop granular details, like elected police commissioner, but around how we are going to deliver local control.
- Ray Kelly - Without deadlines, this board is accountable to no one.
- Tyler Salley - Having a timeline for accountability would be helpful. Having a project plan or strategy around milestones we need to hit would be helpful.
- Dana Moore - Need early deadlines to accomplish our work.
- Caylin Young - Need to add website, Council meeting dates which were put out for upcoming year, and specific dates by when the charter amendment must be passed out of the Council.
- Tre Murphy - We may not have time to include a full timeline, but those key dates are essential. What currently says NAACP should say NAACP LDF.
- Natasha Mehu - I will compile all the edits that have been submitted so far as we work to incorporate those changes into the draft report.
- Stephanie Smith - Either in the report or elsewhere, we need reminders about when we will have touchpoints with the public so they know when they can engage with this work.
- Dana Moore - Want to ensure we have included everything we need to include from a legal perspective. Encourages the Law Department and Legal Counsel to confirm.
 - Jim Shea - We do not think anything is missing.
- Dana Moore - We will take these suggestions, add them in, and share another draft early tomorrow morning.

III. Advisory Board Structure and Cadence

- Natasha Mehu shares a proposal for subcommittees.

- Nick Mosby - Before we get an understanding of best practices, it's difficult to lock in subcommittees.
- Michael Huber - Would that sharing of best practices happen before the whole body?
 - Dana Moore: Yes.
- Cory McCray - Presentations of different models and implementation would be best. Should be done as a body instead of subgroups. We should hear about 2-3 different models and consider what structure would work best for Baltimore.
- Elise Gillespie - Was going to suggest a committee structure here: (1) Committee examining interplay of local control and consent decree. Would need support from BPD legal. Presentation from Monitoring Team; (2) Looking at different models of local control. Presentations would come to full body. This committee would do outreach to other cities; (3) Details of a charter amendment, with Law Department support. Items like transfer of personnel, liability issues. Getting DHR, City Legal to get memos.
- Dana Moore - On one hand, proposal to hold off. On the other, a proposal for shared learning while beginning to break into committees. Wants to see if there are objections to Elise's hybrid suggestion to get us moving forward.
 - Nick Mosby - Will not say he will object if it's the will of the body. Would be more pragmatic to know where we are heading before locking in what the subcommittees are.
 - Dana Moore - You are suggesting we do foundational work before dividing around a shared goal.
- Caylin Young - Some of these things are memos. We should set a deadline for that information to be present by our next meeting to serve as foundational work. Somewhat in agreement with the Council President, but I also want to see things get moving. This will allow us to drill down on specific models.
- Cory McCray - For presentations and information we want to get submitted, I assume it will come 48-72 hours in advance to us. From a public process, we should ensure the presentations are posted to the website so the public can move along with us.
- Ashiah Parker - We should ensure we are being transparent so that the public knows what is going on.
- Nick Mosby - Agrees with Caylin's point. Looking for Law, BPD, other agencies that have to weigh in about their approach and concerns. That is the level of foundational information we are talking about. We want to get information about liability and fiscal concerns right now in order to forge ahead. Also, I want to know the project timeline.

- Dana Moore - Would suggest a presentation from the City's Bureau of Budget and Management Research. We need to get that delivered to us, in addition to consent decree implementations and potential liability. For other cities, we are dependent on availability. This means we need more regular meetings. We will work offline to craft a process.
- Stephanie Smith - With the briefings, can we have a Google Doc where we can pose our questions in advance to get the most out of those presentations.
 - Ashiah Parker - This was a goal from the last meeting. We will make sure that we get that up so we have a way to communicate and share information.
- Caylin Young - Should we wait until we get to that subcommittee to develop that initial community outreach timeline?
 - Dana Moore - Community engagement is critical, but we have to be in alignment about what we are sharing. We are committing to foundational work in January and early February. By March or April, we would be ready to roll out and do community outreach.
- Dana Moore - We can begin to do listening sessions with the public in February or March.
- Ray Kelly - I think the public will be the ones to decide. For us, it's a matter of continuous education so they are informed of the process. Proposes subcommittees formed by March/April. We have to have goals. Do we already have meeting dates for March and April?
 - Natasha Mehu - Will discuss later in the agenda.
- Cory McCray - While the report is submitted to the legislature, I want to ensure it will be posted publicly as well.

IV. Discussion of Local Control Models (High Level)

- Natasha Mehu - Can discuss at a high level. Elise had to slip away.
- Dana Moore - This is the work we have to dive into.
- Natasha Mehu - These are three models of local control. By no means are they the only models. (Refer to slides 7-9 in the presentation)
- Ashiah Parker - We have to get as much input as possible to help propel this process forward.
- Ray Kelly - We are going to need a hybrid model to fit into our current situation. There are consent decree mandates that will complicate things.
- Dana Moore - We need a full presentation on each of the models by the next

meeting. This will also benefit the public. We will need this information to post on our website.

- Robert Cherry - There are more than three models.
- Dana Moore - Let us know what you want, who we should bring in, etc.

V. Upcoming Meetings and Important Dates

- Dana Moore - There is a comment about when the item must be submitted for the ballot.
 - December 1, 2021 - Interim report due
 - August 5, 2022 - Certification of Local Ballot Questions
 - December 1, 2022 - Final report due
- Dana Moore - Suggests presentation in mid-December from Law Department on liability issues.
 - Natasha Mehu - Will circulate dates and a Doodle poll for availability.
- Ashiah Parker - Will compile a roster to share with members.
- Natasha Mehu - Will work to incorporate edits into the interim report. A listing of edits and an updated document will be shared with members.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:09PM